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In re Application of:

Jeffrey I. Cleland, et al.

Serial No. 09/687,951

Filing Date: October 13, 2000

For Injection Vehicle for Polymer-Based
Formulations

Examiner Chih Min Kam

Group Art Unit No. 1653

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 25, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests
reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 24 and 32, without prejudice to their further prosecution in a
divisional and/or continuation application.

Please amend Claims 17, 20, 21, 29, 30, 33 and 35 as follows:

17. (Twice Amended) An injectable formulation, comprising:
- (a) particles comprising a biocompatible polymeric matrix, the matrix
comprising a poly(lactide-co-glycolide);

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TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is:

- ☒ Amendment
- ☒ No additional fee is required for additional Independent, Dependent or Multiple Dependent Claims.

						Small Entity		or	Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously	Present Extra		Rate	Addl. Fee		Rate	Addl. Fee
Total	17	Minus	20	0		x 9 =	\$		x 18 =	\$ 0
Indep.	2	Minus	4	0		x 42 =	\$		x 84 =	\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim							x 140 =	\$		x 280 = \$ 0
Total Additional Fee							\$		Total	\$ 0

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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